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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 September 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on September 15, 2008. The rejections are as stated below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
 2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
 3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
 4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eldering (US 6298348) in view of Salganicoff (US 5734720).

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6; Eldering teaches a method and corresponding system for anonymously matching consumption objects with a consumer consumption behaviour,

said consumer being uniquely identified by a true, objective behaviour derived consumption profile (abstract), said system comprising:

a central and private consumer repository containing a plurality of true objective behaviour derived consumption profile, the true consumption profile corresponding to a consumer, the said true consumption profiles being anonymous (abstract, fig. 5, element 500, and column 9, lines 28-67);

at least one central product repository, containing consumption object profiles for a plurality of consumption objects each of said at least one central product repository being associated with a given industry, wherein industry participants register profiles of their products and services within said product repository, each said at least one central product repository containing only entry profiles of items registered (abstract, fig. 5, element 500, and column 9, lines 28-67);

correlating means for correlating parameters of a potential target consumption object with parameters of a given consumer's true consumption profile, and identifying at least one best matched consumption object (col. 10, lines 1-42);

means for confidentially presenting said consumer with the profile of said at least one best-matched consumption object so that said industry participant cannot identify said consumer (abstract, column 1, line 37 thru column 2, line 3 and column 11, line 65 thru column 12, line 20).

Eldering does not explicitly teach feedback derived consumption profile in combination with behaviour derived consumption profile corresponding to a consumer;

and means for enabling said consumer to select one of said at least one best- matched consumption object to obtain said consumption object.

Salganicoff teaches the concept of combining feedback derived consumption profile with behaviour derived consumption profile corresponding to a consumer to generate consumer actual preferences for predetermined characteristics; and means for enabling said consumer to select one of said at least one best- matched consumption object to obtain said consumption object (col. 4, lines 38-45, col. 6, lines 46-59, col. 8, lines 18-27, col. 29, lines 29-35, col.47, lines 31-61, col. 49, lines 4-18, col. 50, lines 1-37). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Eldering to include these features as taught by Salganicoff for the obvious reason for assisting the consumer in selecting the best product available.

Claim 4; Eldering teaches a consumer reaction log for logging a consumer's reaction to a correlation between said consumer's true consumption profile and a consumption object, and wherein said consumer's true consumption profiles in the central consumer repository are made available to industry entities for performing market research (column 12, line 20 thru column 13, line 36).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hani Kazimi whose telephone number is (571) 272-6745. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published

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